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TO: Iowa Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers, Targeted Case Managers (TCM) and Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: HCBS Settings Transition Plan Update

As previously announced in [Informational Letter No.1383](#)¹ issued on April 30, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published regulations to ensure that individuals receive Medicaid HCBS in settings that are integrated in and support full access to the greater community.

The IME submitted a draft version of a transition plan on March 31, 2014, as part of the renewal process for the Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver, and made the draft transition plan available for public comment during May 2014. During this time, stakeholder forums were held at six locations around the state.

Over 200 people attended these presentations and comments were received from 73 individuals. All comments were reviewed, responses developed and when necessary, changes based on comments were incorporated into the transition plan.

As a result of this process, several updated documents are posted on the [Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Settings Transition](#) webpage². These documents include:

- Response to Public Comments
- Updated ID Waiver Transition Plan
- Summary of Changes to the ID Waiver Transition Plan
- Updated Settings Analysis
- Iowa Exploratory Questions for Assessment of HCBS Residential Settings
- Iowa Settings with the Potential Effect of Isolating Individuals Receiving HCBS from the Broader Community

These documents have been submitted to CMS as the transition plan for the ID Waiver renewal. Further changes may be made to these documents as the result of CMS review. Any additional iterations will be posted to the DHS website. Please submit any questions to HCBSsettings@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹<http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1383%20HCBS%20Settings%20Transition%20Plan%20Public%20Comment%20Period.pdf>

²<http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/about/initiatives/HCBS>